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COLUMBUS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MEDICAID AND MEDICARE FRAUD

DAYTON - Columbus, OH - Carla E. Davison, age 45, of Burton, Ohio pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to submitting over \$290,000 in fraudulent claims to the state Medicaid and federal Medicare programs. Davison, who already was awaiting sentencing for impersonating an official of the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, admitted that she billed the public health care benefit programs on behalf of her medical supply company for items that were never provided to patients.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; David S. Krupnick, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General in Chicago; and Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, announced the plea entered today before United States District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

According to documents filed with her plea, Davison owned and operated a medical equipment and supply company called Phoenix Automated Medical Services, formerly located in Twinsburg, Ohio. From June 2001 until March 2005 Davison submitted bills to the Medicaid and Medicare programs for an expensive wound dressing gel that the investigation revealed was not provided to patients, nor had she ever purchased. Instead, Davison supplied other far less expensive products that were not reimbursable under program guidelines.

Davison is currently awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty last year to pretending to be an official of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"The economic loss to both the government and the citizens is substantial when individuals abuse our health care programs," Lockhart said. "I urge anyone who suspects health care fraud to contact the Inspector General's Hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS (447-8477)."

Davison faces a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and up to \$250,000 in fines on the current charges. Judge Frost will set a date for sentencing on both cases.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Attorney General Petro's Medicaid Fraud Unit, in conjunction with the Health Care Fraud Task Force for the Southern District of Ohio.

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